

A Creditable Organization

In this issue of The Times will be found an advertisement of one of Farmington's most noteworthy and creditable organizations, the loyal support of which is sure to react to the benefit of this city. Such a thorough business organization, we believe, is unique throughout this State, as well as in the general proficiency of its members. We refer to Barroll's Concert Orchestra.

Another thing of interest in regard to such advertisement, is that it is the first time on record, as far back as the writer's experience extends, when the manager of a regularly organized musical body deliberately walked into a print shop and offered to pay perfectly good money to have the services of his orchestra advertised to the general public, without so much as asking what the price would be.

To the writer such strange and unusual conduct plainly demonstrates several things, namely: First, that the popular and thoroughly efficient Director and Manager, Edward C. Barroll, is not in the least ashamed of his organization—in fact, that its best interest lies very near to his heart. Second, that Barroll's Orchestra is on solid footing and has been rendering satisfactory public service for several years, leaving no room for complaint. Third, that this organization is a credit to Farmington, and is entitled to the loyal and enthusiastic support of the citizenship of this community. Fourth, that there is perhaps not another such a splendid musical organization in the entire State, in a city no larger than is Farmington.

A Strong Bank

The Times editor spent a few hours Saturday on our initial visit in the wide awake and prosperous little city of Flat River, and we were pleased to see the splendid evidences of unusual prosperity that is everywhere so apparent there. While it is wholly the product of the enormous mining companies of that community, it is remarkable for its cleanliness and the evident gentility of its population, so unusual in mining communities. Even before St. Francois county went "dry," Flat River never had a saloon within its corporate limits.

There are to be found many thoroughly up-to-date stores, filled to the ceiling with seasonable goods, and presided over by gentlemanly proprietors and obliging clerical forces, which supply in satisfactory manner approximately the 7,000 inhabitants. Much building and improvement is to be seen everywhere, but there are no idle men there with any desire to work. The new postoffice building is now nearing completion, to be used exclusively for that purpose.

We had the pleasure of meeting with the active force in charge of the Miners & Merchants Bank, which is evidently one of the strongest financial institutions in this section of Missouri. This bank has an unusually strong managerial line-up, with C. R. Bramblet as cashier, and Geo. H. Karsch and Alvin J. Layne, assistants. All are courteous and accommodating gentlemen, who at once impress one that they are there to serve the people. Within the past few months this bank has installed a 16,000 pound Mosler safe, guaranteed burglar-proof, which perhaps is the finest safe in the State south of St. Louis. The immense pay-roll they take care of for the mines made the installation of this immense safe a necessity. As an indication of the impression generally obtaining there in regard to this institution, it is only necessary to state that its deposits have increased during the past year to the amount of about \$104,000.

Almost every note we get from Berlin seems to be a promissory note.

The revelation that Hon. Charlie Chaplin is an Englishman is likely to create more pro-Germans in this country than all the hyphenated propaganda.

Well Built

Is Built To Win—but in building brain and body, often the daily diet lacks certain essential mineral elements.

These necessary factors are abundantly supplied by the field grains, but are lacking in many foods—especially white flour, from which they are thrown out in the milling process to make the flour white.

Grape-Nuts

made of whole wheat and malted barley, supplies all the rich nutriment of the grains, including their vital mineral salts, those all-necessary builders of active brains and vigorous bodies.

To build right, eat Grape-Nuts.

"There's a Reason"

Keep the Good Work Moving

Editor Farmington Times:—Keep up the good work. Something has happened that makes me think because you have permitted some of the fellows to express themselves through your columns, that the mining companies are waking up. Public opinion can do a lot of things if it gets started, and just now there seems to be a good bit of very public opinion concerning the unequal distribution of the bonuses that have been lately coming to the laborers here in the Lead Belt.

The matter that has quickened my hopes is the recent allotment by the Federal Lead Company of a 20 per cent bonus to the employees of its Lead Belt railroad. This sure begins to look good, and we of the M. R. & B. T. almost hope—but, pahaw! what's the use of dreaming?

But isn't it an outrage? Here's a bunch of officials living in New York, growing rich by the tremendous rise in the price of lead and so drunk with their prosperity as to wholly disregard their obligations of honest duty to those whose labor is helping to pile up their wealth. Think of it! Lead at \$8.25 and we railroad men as deeply involved in the process of getting the moment to market as anybody, but not a moment's consideration do we receive. The officials of the St. Joe Lead Company are either insensible to the principles of fair dealing and justice toward employees or absolutely dishonest. One thing, they are too far away from the "base of supplies." They are not in touch and do not understand the condition of the men who toil for them from year's end to year's end. What this corporation needs is to be in the control of men who are near-by all the time. Some "native" who is thoroughly conversant with the peculiar conditions existing here, and who, above all else, is square and unprejudiced in the favor of any class of employees.

The men employed on the M. R. & B. T. R. have been discriminated against, mistreated, and hoodwinked ever since the control of the corporation passed out of the hands of Parsons and Graves. The present management has seemed at times to be totally blind to any sense of obligation they might owe to the railroad men. We all know we are working for the St. Joe Lead Company, and we are beginning to get mighty sore because this corporation does not show any disposition to share with us any of the bonus money being granted to miners. There is one way we can bring the company to terms but we do not like to resort to that. We much prefer to settle our controversies in a peaceable manner than otherwise. However, we cannot wait forever for these sleek, avaricious "loads" to find out we too are helping fill their purses. Just now our eyes are on Mr. Robert Holmes of St. Louis. He is a home product and seems to understand conditions here. According to the fight he is making he indicates a disposition to fairness and equality that makes us think if he wins his fight we will find him as ready to hear us as he will be to hear others. In this event everything will work out all right. But unless something hopeful occurs soon we may decide to take things into our own hands.

Anyway, the Federal has woke up, maybe the St. Joe will do so, too. Here's hoping.

A RAILROAD MAN.

Literary Society Closes Next Week

The next program of the Farmington Literary Society to be given on Friday evening, May 5th, will close the work of the Society for the year. Special effort has been put forth to make the last program of the season a good one. Following is the program as it will be given:

Selection—Gower's Juvenile Band.
Brief Review of the Year's Work—Prof. Johns.
Selection—Goker's Juvenile Band.
Vocal Solo—Miss Lavinia Rozier.
Cornet Solo—Edw. C. Barroll.
Reading—Miss Grace Denman.
Selection—Barroll's Concert Orchestra.
Selection—The Orpheus Vocal Quartette.
Character Monolog—Carl Trauernicht.
Cello Solo—Miss Alma Williams.
Selection—The Enterpean Quartet/TT Selection—The Enterpean Instrumental Quartette.
Chalklog—Edgar Zolman.
Vocal Solo—Harold McCurdy.
Selection—Barroll's Concert Orchestra.
Valedictory Remarks by the President.
Selection—Barroll's Concert Orchestra.

This program, while seemingly a long one, has been made up of numbers that are short and snappy instead of tiresome. The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, and it is likely will prove to be one of the most enjoyable of the entire year. When so good an entertainment can be enjoyed without cost, it seems that the High School Auditorium should be filled to overflowing.

County Fair Dates

Caruthersville, Mo., April 20.—The dates for holding the ten county fairs of Northeast Kansas and Southeast Missouri have been announced as follows: Missouri—Campbell, September 6 to 9; Cape Girardeau, September 12 to 16; Sikeston, September 20 to 23; Caruthersville, September 27 to 30; Kennett, October 3 to 7; Arkansas—Piggott, October 11 to 14; Poplar Bluff, October 18 to 21; Paragould, October 24 to 28. These places form the circuit of the Missouri-Arkansas Fair Association, so far as completed, but will likely include Jonesboro, Ark., later.

"T. R. Discusses Wilson's Mexican Policy," says a headline. Find the superfluous syllable.

Publicity Bureau Democratic Notes

If money will buy the Republican nomination for President, Roosevelt will be the nominee. But money is not going to buy the American people in the general election this year.

So long as it takes twice as much money for the Republican machine to run the city of St. Louis as it does for the Democratic party to run the government of the entire State of Missouri, it will be useless for Republican politicians to ask Missouri taxpayers to vote the Republican State ticket.

He is a mighty poor American who cannot stand by his country in the hour of her peril, and who will not uphold the hands of the President in a grave national crisis. "My country, may she always be right—but, right or wrong, my country. That is the sentiment of the American people today.

The wet and dry fight is on in the Republican party. The prohibitionists are back of Swanger, and the brewers are back of Lamm. Evidently the Republicans think that Missouri has to be governed either by the Anti-Saloon League or the Liquor Dealers' Association. The latter-day Republican leaders are not quite so smart as Hadley was. Hadley was wet in the city and dry in the country, and he caught them going and coming.

During the last Republican administration in this State, the various State institutions were constantly torn by factions and upset by scandals. The various insane asylums, the penitentiary, Lincoln Institute, many of the normal schools, appeared by turns upon the first pages of the daily newspapers, and never was such a record of incompetence and downright mismanagement exhibited in the history of the State. Now all is changed. All the State's institutions are being efficiently managed and at a minimum of cost—and that is what the taxpayers want.

The recent international complications into which our country has fallen through no fault of its own, serve to bring out without vivid emphasis the criminal negligence of the Republican party in failing to provide an adequate system of national defense. With almost unbroken power for nearly fifty years, the Republican party did absolutely nothing but fatten its henchmen upon the spoils of office. And now the crisis has come. Thank God, it has found a Democratic administration in charge at last, and the work of defending the country will not be longer neglected.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat "confidently predicts the overthrow of the State Democratic administration this year." No brother, there isn't going to be any "overthrow." The present Democratic State administration will expire next January by operation of law. There will not be any "overthrow" about it. The administration will quit because it will have served out its time under the law. But another Democratic State administration will take its place, and go right ahead with the glorious work of building up the greatest commonwealth in the American Union.

In view of the promises of candidates to take the eleemosynary and educational institutions of the State "out of politics," we do not recall but one period, in recent years, when those institutions were ever in politics; that was during the Hadley administration. Hadley even went so far as to fire the "Democratic Niggers" out of Lincoln Institute and put good Republican partisans in their places wherever possible. Indeed, we know of no other instance in the history of the State wherein the spoils system was so ruthlessly applied to an educational institution. And the same thing is contemplated again. At least one of the Republican candidates for Governor is known to be promising Lincoln Institute "jobs" to his negro supporters. But the people of Missouri will see to that. That kind of politics disappeared with Governor Hadley.

The State of Missouri owes its entire school system, its banking system, its road system, and practically everything else that constitutes a great State, solely to the Democratic party. We have the safest mining inspection laws in the world, as shown by the statistics of our mining accidents. We have more miles of improved roads than some of our sister Republican States who have a higher tax rate. We have one of the largest permanent school funds in the world. Our banks are progressing more rapidly than those of other States. No State is making more rapid progress in the construction of highways. All this is due to the Democratic party, the party that believes in a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Have the Republicans anything better to offer? No, they left us a debt of forty millions, and we paid it while reducing the taxes every year. They did nothing for the schools, nothing for the roads, nothing for our industrial and commercial system. They established not a single State institution—not one. Are the people of Missouri ready to turn their backs upon all the progress of the last third of a century? We think not. Missouri is for the Democracy, because the Democracy is for Missouri.

Justice Hughes hasn't said a word in months, but many persons who took the view that he had absolutely eliminated himself from the presidential contest are now wondering whom he will select as Secretary of War.

In his notable career as philanthropist, John D. Rockefeller has given away almost everything except gasoline.

VICTIM OF FRANKLIN BANKERS TRUST

Little Rock, Ark., April 20.—W. H. Garaffo, former president, and R. R. Duncan, former vice president of the defunct State National Bank of Little Rock, were sentenced today in Federal Court to six years each on five counts each of misapplication of the bank's funds, and to two years each and a fine of \$1,000 for conspiracy. The total sentences, 32 years for each man, were made concurrent with the first sentence, making the prison term actually six years. The defendants filed a citation of error and were granted 60 days in which to file bill of exceptions. They were released on \$15,000 appeal bond each.

The Mr. Garaffo, named in the above telegram, is a former Southeast Missouri man and a good fellow whose friends it would be hard to convince is guilty of any intentional wrong. His is evidently a case of good "Old Dog Tray," who suffered for being caught in bad company. The State National Bank of Little Rock is one of a chain of banks organized by the now discredited Franklin Bankers Trust throughout this section and parts of Arkansas, many of them going to the wall in the Franklin failure. Several of the St. Francois county banking institutions were organized under this trust, but the men associated with Franklin in their institution evidently became chary of his extensive high finance schemes and fortunately absorbed all his interests in them, and so escaped the cataclysm following his failure. They are now safe and substantial banking institutions. Mr. Garaffo, who went into the Little Rock venture, was not so fortunate and has to suffer for a violation of the banking laws—more a victim of circumstances perhaps than of intentional wrong.

A GOLDEN WEDDING

The most interesting and perhaps the most notable event in the social history of Commerce was the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Heuchan, which took place in St. Paul's M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, April 12th. The march was led by the younger grandchildren, Mary, Lois and Willie Davis Heuchan, Bob and Robert Heuchan and Nelson Ellis, who acted as usher. The bride and groom were attended by their sons and daughters as groomsmen and bridesmaids. They were Marvin, Charles and Moses Heuchan, Mrs. Floy Ellis, Mrs. Emma Dodge and Mrs. Lillie Bondurant. Next came the little granddaughter, Mary Martha Ellis, uniquely gowned in old rose silk—the bridal gown worn by her grandmother on that festive occasion fifty years ago. The most remarkable fact in connection with the history of the Heuchans is that there has never been a death in the immediate family of six children and thirteen grandchildren.—Benton Democrat.

CAR LOAD OF CHICKENS SMOTHERED

One day recently when a car load of Chickens consigned to Goodwin & Jean's poultry plant at Delta, was opened it was found that the entire cargo of poultry, about 600 chickens, was dead. The loss is estimated at \$300 or \$350. The chickens were in coops in a box car and were smothered to death. The doors of the car were closed and the fowls could not get air. The poultry came from Essex, Sikeston and Bertrand. The dead chickens were hauled off and burned. Since the accident the railroad officials issued orders to agents to clear the doors when shipping a large amount of poultry in coops in a box car.—Kennett Democrat.

H. E. Thaxton sent down from the Thaxton farm on Buffalo Thursday to Whitwell & Moore some country-cured bacon and in the lot was a "side" of mammoth proportions. It weighed 107 pounds, was about 3 feet in length, at the thickest part would have measured fully 6 inches. The hog from which it was taken weighed 689 pounds when it was killed last winter. At 17 cents per pound the piece brought \$118.19. It was sold to Lon Birney, superintendent of the county infirmary.—Van Buren Local.

The Peters Shoe Factory here is pushing to the front and is a great benefit to DeSoto. The pay roll last week was about \$3,200, and it has been almost that each week for several weeks. The factory is now making about 3,000 pairs of shoes per day and most of them a high grade of shoes.—DeSoto Press.

County Recorder Siemers issued a marriage license last week to Geo. W. McNeely of Fruitland, 80 years old, and Martha J. Nations of Menfro, in Perry county, 65 years old.—Jackson Cash Book.

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

To reach Farmington you can use either one of the following routes:
From the North.

(Via St. Louis.)

Iron Mountain—Leave St. Louis at 7:32 or 9:05 a. m., arriving at Farmington over the electric railway from DeLassus at 12:35 p. m.

M. R. & B. T. Ry.—Leave St. Louis at 7:32 a. m. and 3:55 p. m., arriving at Farmington over electric railway from Flat River at 11:41 a. m. and 7:56 p. m.

From the South.

Iron Mountain via Bismarck and DeLassus—Arrive at Farmington over electric railway at 12:35 p. m.

Belmont Branch of Iron Mountain—Arrive at Farmington over electric railway from DeLassus at 2:27 p. m. Cape Girardeau Northern—Arrive at Farmington at 8:10 p. m. from Cape Girardeau and intermediate points. Going south the train leaves Farmington at 7:00 a. m. Both trains make connection with Frisco trains at Perryville Junction.

To Reach St. Louis.

You can go over either of the roads at the following hours:

M. R. & B. T. Ry.—Leave Farmington over electric railway to Flat River at 5:55 a. m. and 12:28 p. m., arriving in St. Louis at 10:05 a. m. and 6:27 p. m. Fare from Farmington, \$1.66. Round trip, \$3.22, (if passenger can go and return same day, the round trip rate is \$3.22).

Iron Mountain—Leave Farmington over electric railway to DeLassus at 1:45 p. m., arriving in St. Louis at 6:27 p. m. Fare for one way from Farmington \$1.90; round trip, \$3.80.

ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY RY. CO. Time Table (Condensed.)

Between Farmington and Flat River.	
Lv. Farmington.	Arr. Flat River.
5:53 a. m.	6:29 a. m.
7:28 a. m.	8:04 a. m.
8:58 a. m.	9:34 a. m.
10:17 a. m.	10:53 a. m.
2:28 p. m.	3:01 p. m.
4:54 p. m.	5:30 p. m.
6:34 p. m.	7:10 p. m.
Lv. Flat River Arr. Farmington	
6:37 a. m.	7:13 a. m.
8:06 a. m.	8:42 a. m.
9:37 a. m.	10:13 a. m.
11:05 a. m.	11:41 a. m.
3:55 p. m.	4:31 p. m.
5:38 p. m.	6:14 p. m.
7:20 p. m.	7:56 p. m.

Between Farmington and Lead Belt.
Local Service between Farmington and Leadwood, Bonne Terre, Elvins and intermediate points: Cars leaving Farmington at 5:55 and 8:58 a. m. and 4:54 p. m. make direct connections with M. R. & B. T. Ry. at Flat River for Bonne Terre and Leadwood and intermediate points.

Cars leaving Farmington at 7:28 and 10:17 a. m. and 2:28 and 4:54 p. m., make direct connections with the M. R. & B. T. Ry., at Flat River for Elvins and intermediate points.

All M. R. & B. T. Ry., trains make direct connections at Flat River with electric cars for Farmington and intermediate points.

Between Farmington and DeLassus.	
Lv. Farmington.	Arr. DeLassus.
11:41 a. m.	12:20 p. m.
1:45 p. m.	1:57 p. m.
Lv. DeLassus Arr. Farmington	
12:35 p. m.	12:47 p. m.

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